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SUBJ: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION--STEAMROLLER TACTICS

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1. YARG FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAG REPRESENTED NORTH YEMEN AT UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. ON MAY 30 AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH HIM USG'S DEEP CONCERN OVER REPREHENSIBLE TACTICS USED BY NACG/G-77. AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR ASNAG'S VIEWS ON HOW REPETITION OF SUCH TACTICS COULD BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE IN INTEREST OF FREE AND COMPLETE DEBATE. ASNAG, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, IS A MODERATE, EXPERIENCED AND HIGHLY INTELLIGENT LDC SPOKESMAN.

2. FONMIN REPLIED THAT THE FORMATION OF INTEREST GROUPS IN THE NAME OF THE UN GAME, AS US PERFECTLY WELL KNOWS FROM ITS OWN EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE. SMALL
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STATES CAN MAKE THEIR VOTES COUNT ONLY IF THEY POOL

IN ORDER TO COMPETE WITH MAJOR POWERS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS.
YARG WELL AWARE THAT ITS PARTICIPATION IN NACG WILL
SOMETIMES WORK AGAINST ITS OWN INTERESTS ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES. BUT BY AND LARGE IT DERIVES CLEAR ADVANTAGE
FROM MEMBERSHIP.

3. ASNAG SUGGESTED THAT, ACCEPTING NACG/G-77 AS A NEW
AND PERMANENT FEATURE OF UN LIFE, THERE REALLY ONLY
ONE COURSE FOR US TO FOLLOW TO TRY TO ENSURE FULL AND
FAIR DEBATE OF ISSUES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO IT. THIS
WAS TO SEEK RELATIONSHIP OF CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTATION
WITH PIVOTAL STATES SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA, EGYPT AND INDIA.
THE WAY TO INFLUENCE BLOCK ACTION BY LDCS WAS THROUGH SUCH
BILATERAL DISCUSSION WELL BEFORE DEBATE, NOT ONCE SESSIONS
UNDERWAY AND GROUP PSYCHOLOGY OF LDC RANK AND FILE TOOK OVER
ON AN ADMITTEDLY OFTEN LOW COMMON DENOMINATOR BASIS.
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